

## REMARKS

Applicants reply to the Office Action dated September 14, 2006 within the shortened statutory one month period for reply. Claims 1-9 were pending in the application and the Examiner states that they are subject to restriction action and/or election requirement. Reconsideration of the pending claims is requested. The amendments are adequately supported in the originally-filed specification, drawings and claims. No new matter is added in this Reply.

The Examiner has asserted a Restriction Requirement under 35 U.S.C. § 121 requiring restriction of the application as follows:

Invention I: Claims 1, 3-6, and 8-9 are drawn to a decryption device and method, classified in class 726, subclass 26.

Invention II: Claims 2 and 7 are drawn to an encryption device and method, classified in class 380, subclass 201.

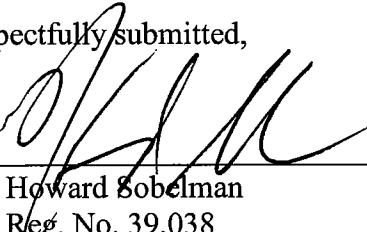
In view of the above remarks and amendments, Applicants respectfully submit that all pending claims properly set forth that which Applicants regard as their invention and are allowable over the cited references. Accordingly, Applicants respectfully request allowance of the pending claims. The Examiner is invited to telephone the undersigned at the Examiner's convenience, if that would help further prosecution of the subject Application. Applicants authorize and respectfully request that any fees due be charged to Deposit Account No. 19-2814.

Applicant hereby elects Invention I, consisting of Claims 1, 3-6 and 8-9, for prosecution in this application. Applicant has selected Invention I in order to expedite prosecution of this application. Applicant does not acquiesce to the Examiner's foundation for the Restriction Requirement as set forth in the Office Action. Accordingly, the foregoing election is made without waiver, estoppel or without prejudice to the filing of one or more related applications directed to the subject matter of the canceled claims.

The foregoing amendments conform this application to the Examiner's Restriction Requirement dated September 14, 2006. Applicants submit that the application is now in condition for examination on the merits. Early notification of such action is earnestly solicited. Should the Examiner have any suggestions to place the application in even better condition for allowance, Applicants request that the Examiner contact the undersigned representative at the telephone number listed below. No new matter is added in this Response. Reconsideration of the application

is thus requested. The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any fees which may be required, or credit any overpayment, to Deposit Account No. **19-2814**.

Respectfully submitted,

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